

CATECHETICAL LECTIONARY EXAMPLE

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017

Year A

Questions from the Compendium of the Catechism

25. What is the plan of God for man?
26. Who are the principal witnesses of the obedience of faith in the Sacred Scriptures?
27. What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God?
28. What are the characteristics of faith?
29. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science?

Sections from Catechism of the Catholic Church

CCC Paragraphs 142-159

PART ONE THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE" - "WE BELIEVE"

CHAPTER THREE MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD

THE READINGS

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Sunday

First Reading

Isaiah 44:1-7

“**B**ut now listen, O Jacob, My servant,
And Israel, whom I have chosen:
Thus says the Lord who made you
And formed you from the womb, who will help you,
‘Do not fear, O Jacob My servant;
And you Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
‘For I will pour out water on ^[a]the thirsty *land*
And streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring
And My blessing on your descendants;
And they will spring up ^[b]among the grass
Like poplars by streams of water.’
“This one will say, ‘I am the Lord’s’;
And that one ^[c]will call on the name of Jacob;
And another will write ^[d]on his hand, ‘Belonging to the Lord,’
And will name Israel’s name with honor.
“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

‘I am the first and I am the last,
And there is no God besides Me.
‘Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it;
Yes, let him recount it to Me in order,
From the time that I established the ancient ^[e]nation.

And let them declare to them the things that are coming
And the events that are going to take place.

Responsorial Psalm PS 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R/ (6a) **Rest in God alone, my soul.**

Only in God is my soul at rest;
from him comes my salvation.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all.

R/ **Rest in God alone, my soul.**

Only in God be at rest, my soul,
for from him comes my hope.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed.

R/ **Rest in God alone, my soul.**

With God is my safety and my glory,
he is the rock of my strength; my refuge is in God.
Trust in him at all times, O my people!
Pour out your hearts before him.
R/ **Rest in God alone, my soul.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-7

Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of
old gained approval.

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by
the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of
things which are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a
better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the
testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about
his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still
speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would
not see death; and he was not found because God took him
up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken
up he was pleasing to God. And without faith it is
impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must
believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who
seek Him. By faith Noah, being warned *by*
God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an

ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:14-24

When they came *back* to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and *some* scribes arguing with them. Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed and *began* running up to greet Him. And He asked them, “What are you discussing with them?” And one of the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute; and whenever it seizes him, it slams him *to the ground* and he foams *at the mouth*, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not *do it*.” And He **answered* them and **said*, “O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!” They brought the boy to Him. When he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he *began* rolling around and foaming *at the mouth*. And He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!” And Jesus said to him, “If You can?” All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Catechetical homily

Priests around the world universally give their homilies based on the Compendium questions, the Catechism, and the Scripture readings as outlined above for this particular Sunday.